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SUBJ: DIAMOND SHAMROCK AND COLD INDUSTRIES PROPOSALS

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1. EMBASSY HAS ENQUIRED OF AYKAZYAN, NOW CHIEF OF US SECTION, STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SCST), REGARDING INABILITY OF BOTH DIAMOND SHAMROCK AND COLD INDUSTRIES TO OBTAIN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS FOR TECHNICAL SEMINAR AND EXECUTIVE LEVEL DISCUSSIONS, RESPECTIVELY.

2. IN CASE OF DIAMOND SHAMROCK, AYKAZYAN ADMITTED THAT SITUATION STILL BASICALLY THAT REPORTED REFTEL C, NAMELY THAT INTERESTED MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE STILL CONSIDERING PROPOSAL AND HAVE NOT YET REPORTED BACK TO SCST ON DEGREE THEIR INTEREST. MUCH OF PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE EXCEPTIONALLY BUSY CALENDAR FOR CHEMICAL INDUSTRY AND RELATED AREAS THIS FALL, WHICH MAKES SCHEDULING THIS PARTICULAR EVENT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AT PRESENT TIME.

3. IN CASE OF COLT, AYKAZYAN REPEATED SCST WILLINGNESS, AS EXPRESSED IN KILESNIKOV CABLE (PARA 1, REFTEL B) TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL COOPERATION, BUT INDICATED FAILURE OF SCST TO REPLY TO COLT'S JULY 12 CABLE REQUESTING SPECIFIC DATE IS DUE TO FACT THAT FVISHIANI COMPLETELY TIED UP IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEPTEMBER AND ALREADY FOR MOST OF OCTOBER (AUGUST, OF COURSE,

BEING COMPLETELY OUT OF PICTURE). FYI: UNTIL MEETING CAN BE SCHEDULED WITH SCST EMBASSY RECOMMENDS, AND AYKAZYAN CONCURS, THAT COLT BEST ADVISED TO WAIT FOR FURTHER APPROACH TO FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY, AND FTO'S. SUCH MEETINGS CAN BE ARRANGED MORE READILY THAN WITH SCST, AND THUS DATE FOR SCST SHOULD BE PINNED DOWN FIRST. END FYI.

4. IN BOTH CASES, HOWEVER, AYKAZYAN STATED STATUS OF PROPOSALS WOULD BE REVIEWED AND INDICATED THAT REPLIAI WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN NEXT FEW DAYS. HE ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR COMPANIES' CONCERN AT NOT RECEIVING AT LEAST TEMPORARY REPLY AND COMMENTED THAT HE HAS OFTEN INSTRUCTED HIS STAFF TO PROVIDE SUCH REPLIES WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
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